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Dear Kevin,

My Hermes is in the shop and I have problems with this machine so what I say in response to your 1/20, heretoday, is less than it might otherwise be.

You do not recall the question as well as the available information well or you are selective in it. The question is of whether Exner lied. You do not address that. Instead you focus on my presumptiom of when Bobby Kennedy knew about the CIA mafia plot. My presumption was incorrect because those who had the information I did not and who knew of my interest did not inform me.

You people are off on an inapropriate anti -Kennedy kick that, aisde from being based on ignorance lines you up solidly with those who killed JFK.

There is another disclosed Edwards memo to which you refer in the most prejudicial of possible way my copy of which was stolen from me and the CIA refuses to replace. The second on of which I know to which you again make the most prejudicial reference, if it is not also a dishonest one, his content you ignore. I sent Jim a copy long ago.

Exner says the mafia plot was JFK's and that he gave it money through her. Both are big lies.

The CIA's mafia plot was of the Eisenhower administration and was put in place the August before the election. How HJFK, as President, could have created the plot that existed for more than five months maybe Exner can explain to Jim's satisfaction, his judgement being so easily satisfied. It is also a big lie that JFK sent them money for that plot through her. First of all, even a child who reads detective stories would know that would never be done, as it also would never be done that money was sent to JFK by Giancana for buying the election that way. (And what was Mayor Daley doing?) The CIA sent the money, as I think now $150,000 aside, and the mafia boys refused to take a penny.

It was an Ike plot and not JFK's. It existed, was in place, well before the election that made JFK President. This is in the memo you refer to and you do not mention it.

That Sheff. Edwards memo also contradicts the FBI LHM you sent me. It says that only two others in the CIA knew about that plot. His memo actually says that knowledge was limited to six, all high CIA officials.

You people believe what it would not cerdit a college freshman to believe. That is only because you want to believe it. As you wanted to believe Ricky White and wasted much time and money when to begin with that story had not the slightest element of credibility. Sincerely,

Harold